



“In developing new finishes, we’ve been very successful at finishing closed-grain wood with a ceruse finish. Traditionally, it’s only been used on open-grain wood.”

~Wayne Towle

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Top: This cabinet is part of a cerused finished library. Bottom: Mini speaker in a cerused finish. “We had just completed cerusing a client’s library when they asked if it was possible to finish the speakers to match.” This is a dark base with a cream-colored cerusing. On the opposite page: Here are a few examples of a cerused finish, light on darks, darks on lights by introducing new standard wood colors the possibilities can be endless.

Cerusing Woodwork

ALSO KNOWN AS LIMING, CERUSING IS AN TECHNIQUE THAT USES PASTE TO FILL WOOD AND ACCENTUATE ITS NATURAL GRAIN PATTERNS.

Cerusing dates back to the sixteenth century. In Britain, it’s also known as liming. It’s made many comebacks as a trend in the design world, and recently it has made another. The look is generally dark wood with white grain, achieved by using a paste fill on open-grain wood. While cerusing has traditionally been used on open-grain wood, like oak, Wayne Towle Master Finishing & Restoration has developed an innovative way to apply it to closed-grain wood for an equally distinctive look. “Creating new and different techniques to treat wood allows us to offer truly unique finishes to our clients,” says Wayne. Another reason cerusing is currently so popular is because of its versatility. It can be incorporated into almost any color palette, since both the wood and the filler are stained. Ceruse is at its most beautiful when used on hard wood species with distinctive wood patterns. It’s currently being used on a wide variety of design elements, like furniture, architectural pieces and flooring. From cerusing to hand-scraping, dyeing to laquering, if you want a particular color wood or finish, there’s only one place to start. Wayne Towle. If we can’t match your color, nobody can.



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